

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY,)
A DIVISION OF EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.,) CASE NO. 89-286
FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)

O R D E R

Equitable Gas Company ("Equitable"), a Division of Equitable Resources, Inc., filed its application for a rate increase with a proposed effective date of December 29, 1989. However, due to filing deficiencies in its application the proposed effective date for the increase should be 30 days from the date those deficiencies were cured or March 11, 1990. The Commission, being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The proposed rates are hereby suspended for 5 months from the proposed effective date, through August 11, 1990.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order, attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be adhered to in the above-styled proceeding.
3. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of February, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 89-286 DATED 2/12/90

1. Field Review of Equitable Resources,
Inc.....February 20-23, 1990
2. Equitable shall file its testimony in
verified form no later than.....February 28, 1990
3. All requests for information to Equitable
shall be due no later than.....March 7, 1990
4. Equitable shall mail or deliver responses to
the original requests for information within
14 days of receipt but no later than.....March 23, 1990
5. All supplemental requests for information (to
include only those matters within the scope of
the initial requests) to Equitable shall be
due no later than.....March 28, 1990
6. Equitable shall mail or deliver responses to
supplemental requests for information within
14 days of receipt but no later than.....April 13, 1990
7. Staff shall file testimony in verified
prepared form no later than.....April 27, 1990
8. All requests for information to Staff shall
be due no later than.....May 11, 1990
9. Staff shall mail or deliver responses to requests
for information within 14 days of receipt but
no later than.....May 25, 1990
10. Public Hearings are to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern
Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort,
Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of
witnesses of Equitable, cross-examination of witnesses
of the Staff and the presentation of rebuttal
testimony, if any.....June 13, 1990
11. Briefs due, if required.....July 13, 1990